

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1     1.           A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a display  
2     comprising:  
3                 a first inputting canvas on which different graphic elements can be  
4     created, said different graphic elements existing on said first inputting canvas; and  
5                 a second inputting canvas on which additional graphic elements can be  
6     created, said second inputting canvas being on said first inputting canvas, said second  
7     inputting canvas being configured such that said additional graphic elements created  
8     on said second inputting canvas exist on said first inputting canvas.
  
- 1     2.           A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a display  
2     comprising:  
3                 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be  
4     created, said different graphic element existing on said global drawing surface; and  
5                 a display-and-control graphic element having a local drawing area on  
6     which additional graphic elements can be created, said display-and-control graphic  
7     element being configured such that a graphic element on said local drawing area exist  
8     on said global drawing surface.
  
- 1     3.           The graphic user interface of claim 2 wherein said display-and-control  
2     graphic element is configured such that at least one said additional graphic elements  
3     in said display-and-control graphic element can be operatively associated with at least  
4     one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface.

1     4.           A method for providing a computer operating environment, said method  
2     comprising:  
3                 generating a local inputting canvas on a global inputting canvas; and  
4                 creating a graphic element on said local inputting canvas such that said  
5     graphic element exists on said global inputting canvas, including visually presenting  
6     said graphic element on said local inputting canvas such that said graphic element  
7     appear to exist on said local inputting canvas.

1     5.           The method of claim 4 further comprising operating on a second graphic  
2     element on said global inputting canvas using said graphic element on said local  
3     inputting canvas.